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THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL DEFENSE VIETNAM CEASEFIRE REPORT

AS OF 1600 WASHINGTON TIME, FEBRUARY 8, 1973.

SUBJECT: VIETNAM POST CEASE-FIRE REPORT, 1600 EST, 8 FEBRUARY 1973

PRISONERS OF WAR

US PRISONERS. THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS ACCEPTED THE DRV INVITATION TO VISIT US PW DETENTION AREAS IN NORTH VIETNAM. MEMBERS OF THE US RED CROSS CONTINGENT PLAN TO ARRIVE IN SAIGON ON 10 OR 11 FEB.

IN SPECIFYING CONDITIONS FOR THE PLANNED 12 FEBRUARY PW SUB-COMMISSION

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(FPJMC) MEETING, AGREED THAT A US RECEPTION TEAM OF 12 PERSONNEL AND 8 HELICOPTERS WOULD BE PERMITTED. THE DRV AGAIN DID NOT PROVIDE THE DATES NUMBER OF US PW'S TO BE RELEASED IN HANOI; HOWEVER, THE REPRESENTATIVE RESTATED THE DRV INTENTION OF ABIDING BY THE AGREEMENT US REPRESENTATIVES BELIEVE THAT THE DRV LISTS OF US PW TO BE RELEASED WILL CONTAIN APPROXIMATELY 200 NAMES.

ENEMY PRISONERS. THE RVN, AFTER TENTATIVELY CONSIDERING A CHANGE IN THEIR POSITION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF EPW TO BE RELEASED IN THE FIRST REPATRIATION PHASE (REVISED DOWNWARD TO 2000 EPW BASED ON A ONE-TO-ONE PW RELEASE), RETURNED TO THE ORIGINAL ONE-FOURTH RELEASE PRINCIPLE (RELEASING 7000 EPW IN THE FIRST PHASE), AT THE 8 FEBRUARY PW SUB-COMMISSION (FPJMC) MEETING. THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE PRG AND RVN REGARDING THE PROCESSING AND TRANSPORTING OF REPATRIATED PW'S

#### WITHDRAWAL AND REDEPLOYMENT OF US/FWMAF FORCES

US TROOP WITHDRAWAL IS PROGRESSING AT A SLIGHTLY FASTER RATE THAN PROGRAMMED,

WITH NO UNUSUAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED. ROK TROOP WITHDRAWAL IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED ON SCHEDULE.

IN-COUNTRY 27 JAN REPORTED WITHDRAWN BY 081600 EST FEB

US	23,458	4,375
ROK	34,396	5,324

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**TOP SECRET****ASSISTANCE TO THE GVN**

AN INITIAL OVERVIEW OF THE RVNAF LOGISTIC SYSTEM INDICATES THAT THE SYSTEM IS FUNCTIONING ADEQUATELY, GIVEN CONSIDERATION OF THE POST HOSTILITY TURBULENCES.

ARVN'S LOGISTIC POSTURE WITH RESPECT TO MAJOR ITEMS (AIR AND SURFACE MOVEMENTS, AMMUNITION AND PETROLEUM), IS SATISFACTORY. WITH RESPECT TO AIR, GROUND AND WATER MOVEMENTS, VNAF IS UNABLE TO SATISFY TOTAL LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS DUE TO C-130 MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS. GROUND TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT IS ADEQUATE. WATER MOVEMENT IS CURRENTLY BEING AUGMENTED BY ROK AND MSC LSTS BECAUSE OF HIGH UTILIZATION AND A DECREASING RVNAF LSMS AND LSTS READY RATE. PROBLEM AREAS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS ARE UNDERWAY. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES WERE INITIALLY HIGH FOLLOWING THE CEASE-FIRE, HOWEVER, BY 4 FEBRUARY 1973 THEY WERE BELOW THE NORMAL VIETNAM SUPPLY RATE. REPLENISHMENT WAS REQUESTED BY MACV AND THE AMERICAN SHIP CONDOR WAS DIVERTED FROM SUBIC BAY TO CAT LAI IN MILITARY REGION 3.

VNN LOGISTIC POSTURE IS CONTINUING TO IMPROVE AND FEW SHALLOW WATER VESSELS HAVE BEEN SUNK OR DAMAGED. TRANSITION FROM US NAVY ADVISORS TO CIVILIAN GUIDANCE HAS BEEN SMOOTH WITH LITTLE ADVERSE EFFECT ON BASE MAINTENANCE, OVERHAUL OR REPAIR. SUPPLY EFFECTIVENESS HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AT A HIGH LEVEL.

THE RECENT ACTIVATION OF TWO VNAF C-130A SQUADRONS WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE THE CARGO CARRYING CAPABILITY OF THE FIVE PREVIOUS VNAF CARGO AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS. FLIGHT TRAINING FOR THIS AIRCRAFT IS 93 PERCENT COMPLETE. SPARES AND SHIP EQUIPMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE C-130A SQUADRONS

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AIRCRAFT DELIVERY. ALL SHORTAGES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND PRIORITY REQUISITIONS HAVE BEEN INITIATED.

DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE (DAO)

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN MILITARY PERSONNEL STATUS. DOD CIVILIAN STRENGTH INCREASED BY 30 FOR A TOTAL OF 481, REPRESENTING A 40.1 PERCENT FILL OF THE 1,200 POSITIONS ALLOTTED.

FOUR PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (FPJMC)

THE CHIEFS OF THE DELEGATION MET DURING THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON OF 8 FEBRUARY. THE DRV PRESENTED THEIR VIEWS CONCERNING THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE FPJMC, I.E., IMPLEMENTATIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE (INCLUDING MEETING BETWEEN OPPOSING FIELD COMMANDERS); AGREEMENT ON AREAS OF CONTROL AND MODALITIES OF STATIONING (INCLUDING AGREEMENT ON ROUTES AND CORRIDORS FOR MILITARY TRANSPORT AND AGREEMENT ON REMOVAL OF MINES); US/ FWMAF WITHDRAWALS AND BASE DISMANTLEMENT; POW MATTERS (INCOMPLETE RVN POW LISTS, PLACES OF RETURN AND DISPATCH OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES);

FPJMC ESTABLISHMENTS (ACCOMMODATIONS, FACILITIES, AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES); AND FORMATION OF THE TWO-PARTY COMMISSION. THE DRV ALSO PROPOSED A FPJMC RESOLUTION TO DEAL WITH ENFORCEMENT OF THE CEASE-FIRE (ALL PARTIES ISSUE ORDERS TO THEIR FORCES DIRECTING A CEASE-FIRE, TO OBSERVE PROHIBITIONS IN ARTICLE 2 OF THE CEASE-FIRE PROTOCOL AND DIRECT OPPOSING COMMANDERS OF FORCES IN CONTACT TO MEET IMMEDIATELY). THE RVN CHIEF MAINTAINED HIS PREVIOUS POSITION REGARDING MEETINGS BETWEEN OPPOSING COMMANDERS, INDICATING THAT SUCH MEETING WERE PREMATURE UNTIL AREAS OF CONTROL ARE DETERMINED.

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THE DRV/PRG AGREED TO DROP THIS ITEM FROM THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. THE US CHIEF POINTED OUT THAT ORDERS HAD BEEN ISSUED TO US FORCES PRIOR TO THE CEASE-FIRE AND THAT NO US FORCES HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN REPORTED CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS.

THE RVN REJECTION OF MEETINGS OF OPPOSING COMMANDERS LED TO THE DISCUSSION OF THE RELATED ISSUE CONCERNING AREA CONTROLLED BY THE RVN AND PRG. THE DRV AND US CHIEFS PROPOSED THAT THE QUESTION OF DETERMINATION OF AREAS OF CONTROL AND MODALITIES OF STATIONING BE REFERRED TO THE PRG AND RVN DELEGATIONS (FPJMC) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CEASE-FIRE PROTOCOL. THE RVN AND PRG AGREED TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES IN A MEETING OF THE PROVISIONAL SUB-COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO PLAN FORMATION OF THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (FPJMC).

THE DRV ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE FPJMC PROVIDE FORMAL RESPONSE TO A LETTER RECEIVED FROM CHAIRMAN, ICCS, ON 7 FEBRUARY, INQUIRING ABOUT TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLANS. (THE DRV, AS HOST, HAD DRAFTED A REPLY WHICH STATED DISAGREEMENT AMONG PARTIES ON ADEQUACY OF GENERAL PLAN FOR WITHDRAWALS SUBMITTED BY US AT FIRST MEETING OF CHIEFS). THE DRV DRAFT RESTATED THE DRV/PRG POSITION THAT FPJMC MUST RECEIVE DETAILED INFORMATION SO THAT IT COULD APPROVE CORRIDORS, ROUTES, AND MEANS OF WITHDRAWAL. THE US SUGGESTED THAT SUCH A REPORT OF DISAGREEMENT MIGHT IMPLY REFERRAL OF ISSUES TO ICCS AT A TIME WHEN CHIEFS MAY PREFER TO KEEP DISCUSSION WITHIN FPJMC. CHIEFS AGREED THAT MORE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE AT THIS TIME WAS TO ACKNOWLEDGE ICCS INQUIRY, REPORT THAT FPJMC WAS DISCUSSING TROOP WITHDRAWALS, AND WOULD KEEP ICCS INFORMED. THE CHIEFS AGREED THIS WOULD BE INTERIM REPLY TO ICCS; IF DISAGREEMENT WERE NOT RESOLVED, VIEWS OF INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS WOULD BE FORWARDED TO ICCS.

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WITH REGARD TO TROOP WITHDRAWALS, PRG RAISED RELATED ISSUE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 8 (A) OF CEASE-FIRE PROTOCOL CONCERNING REMOVAL OF ARMAMENT AND OTHER WAR MATERIEL. RPG INSISTED FPJMC SHOULD RECEIVE DETAILED INFORMATION ON STATUS OF US/FWMA FORCES EQUIPMENT WITHDRAWALS. PRG REQUESTED FPJMC DISPATCH JOINT MILITARY TEAMS TO SUPERVISE WITHDRAWAL OPERATIONS AND TO ENSURE THAT THE TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT TO RVN DID NOT OCCUR. THE DRV SUPPORTED THE PRG AND STATE<sup>D</sup> PROTOCOL CLEARLY STIPULATED FPJMC MUST CONTROL WITHDRAWAL OF PERSONNEL AND MATERIEL. THE US CHIEF REAFFIRMED THE POSITION THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 5 OF AGREEMENT WAS SOLELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF US AND ALLIED COUNTRIES AND DID NOT REQUIRE JOINT ACTION BY THE PARTIES; THEREFORE, THERE WAS NO NEED NOR AUTHORITY FOR FPJMC TO COORDINATE AND SUPERVISE WITHDRAWALS. RVN SUPPORTED US POSITION. FUNDAMENTAL DISAGREEMENT WAS NOTED AND FURTHER DISCUSSION POSTPONED. CHIEFS AGREED TO RECONVENE ON 10 FEBRUARY 1973.

THE FOLLOWING IS A RECAPITULATION OF US/GVN/DRV/PRG DEPLOYMENTS TO DATE :

	US DEPLOYED	GVN DEPLOYED	DRV DEPLOYED	PRG DEPLOYED
SAIGON	73	201	280	130
REGION I	53	72	74	0
REGION II	66	82	87	0
REGION III	91	112	131	
1 REGION IV	68	82	88	0
1 REGION V	80	102	46	

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REGION VI	57	72	73	5
REGION VII	127	102	46	7
TOTAL	615	825	825	152

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICCS)

ICCS HEADS OF DELEGATION MET IN THEIR NINTH SESSION ON 7 FEBRUAY 1973.

THE DELEGATES AGREED TO MOVE THE ICCS SECRETARIAT TO THE FREE WORLD MILITARY FORCES BUILDING, BUT WIL CONTINUE TO MEET AT CAMP VO THANH IN SAIGON UNTIL THE NEW FACILITY IS AVAILABLE AND RENOVATIONS ARE COMPLETE. THE FOLLOWING IS A RECAPITULATION OF ICCS DEPLOYMENT TO DATE :

	CANADA	HUNGARY	INDONESIA	POLAND
SAIGON	120	54	248	69
REGION I	6	5	9	5
REGION II	6	5	9	5
REGION III	6	5	10	5
REGION IV	6	5	9	5
REGION V	6	5	10	5
REGION VI	6	5	9	5
REGION VII	6	5	10	5

TOTAL	162	89	314	104
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ADDITIONS TO THE DELEGATION FOR CANADA AND PLAND ARE EXPECTED

ON FEBRUARY 10, 1973.

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THE USS MINESWEEPER ENGAGE (MSO-433) CONTINUED EXPLORATORY MINE SWEEPING OPERATIONS OF THE PLANNES LPH/LPD OPERATIONS AREA SOUTH-EAST OF HAIPHONG AND EXTIMATED 8.5 PERCENT OF THE AREA COMPLETED. AIRBORNE MINE COUNTERMEASURES UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT READINESS OPERATIONS IN SUBIC BAY, TRAINING PROGRESS REMAINS ON SCHEDULE. THE USS WESTCHESTER COUNTY (LST-1167) HAS ARRIVED ON STATION WITH TASK

GROUP 78.2 SOUTHEAST

OF HAIPHONG TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE SURFACE MINE SOUNTERMEASURES GROUP. THE SENIOR NAVAL COMMANDER (ADM MCCAULEY) HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DRV REPRESENTATIVE ON BOARD USS WORDEN (OLG-18) AT THE LIAISON ANCHORAGE ON 7 FEBRUARY. SUB-COMMITTED MEETING TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROTOCOL ARE SCHEDULED FOR 8 AND 9 FEBRUARY.

CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS

ELEVEN MAJOR AND 102 MINOR VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD 070701-080700 EST FEBRUARY. THE DISTRIBUTION OF MAJOR VIOLATIONS BY MILITARY REGION WAS: MR 1 - 7; MR 2 - 2; MR 3 - 2; AND MR 4 - 0. A TOTAL OF 166 ENEMY AND 37 FRIENDLY PERSONNEL WERE REPORTED KILLED DURING THIS PERIOD.

INTELLIGENCE

A DIA INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY ON THE INDOCHINA SITUATION IS APPENDED.

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**TOP SECRET****RVN MAJOR CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS****MILITARY REGION 1**

AT 070345 EST FEBRUARY, 3 MILES EAST-SOUTHEAST OF QUANG TRI CITY, A VNMC ARTILLERY BATTERY RECEIVED AN ENEMY ATTACK BY FIRE OF 50 130-MM ARTILLERY ROUNDS. ONE MARINE WAS WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK.

BETWEEN 070300 AND 070350 EST FEBRUARY, 2 MILES SOUTHEAST OF QUANG TRI CITY, A VNMC BATTALION RECEIVED AN ENEMY ATTACK BY FIRE OF 80 130-MM ARTILLERY ROUNDS. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE REPORTED.

AT 062345 AND 070210 EST FEBRUARY, 3 MILES SOUTHWEST OF QUANG TRI CITY, ELEMENTS OF AN ARVN AIRBORNE BATTALION RECEIVED TWO SEPARATE ENEMY ATTACKS BY FIRE TOTALING 180 MIXED MORTAR AND ARTILLERY ROUNDS. THE ATTACKS RESULTED IN FOUR ARVN SOLDIERS WOUNDED.

BETWEEN 070520 AND 070600 EST FEBRUARY, 6 MILES NORTHWEST OF HUE, THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION ARTILLERY RECEIVED AN ENEMY ATTACK BY FIRE OF 29 122-MM ROCKETS, FIVE ARVN SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK.

AT 072400 EST FEBRUARY, 18 MILES WEST-NORTHWEST OF TAM KY, ELEMENTS OF AN ARVN INFANTRY BATTALION RECEIVED AN ENEMY ATTACK BY FIRE OF 20 MORTAR ROUNDS. ONE ARVN SOLDIER WAS KILLED AND ONE WAS WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK.

**MILITARY REGION 2**

AT 070530 EST FEBRUARY, 18 MILES NORTHEAST OF BAN ME THUOT, ELEMENTS OF AN RT BATTALION ON A HAMLET CLEARING OPERATION ENGAGED AN ENEMY FORCE. ENEMY LOSSES WERE 50 SOLDIERS KILLED AND ONE CREW-SERVED WEAPON SEIZED. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

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AT 062140 EST FEBRUARY, 14 MILES SOUTH OF PLEIKU, ELEMENTS OF AN ARVN INFANTRY BATTALION AND A TANK COMPANY ON A ROAD CLEARING OPERATION RECEIVED AN ENEMY GROUND ATTACK ENEMY LOSSES WERE 11 SOLDIERS KILLED. FOUR ARVN SOLDIERS WERE KILLED.

**MILITARY REGION 3**

AT 072110 EST FEBRUARY, 3 MILES SOUTHEAST OF AN LOC, ELEMENTS OF A RF COMPANY RECEIVED AN ENEMY ATTACK BY FIRE OF 20 MORTAR ROUNDS. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE REPORTED.

AT 072355 EST FEBRUARY, 1 MILE SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF DAU TIENG, A SUB-SECTOR HEADQUARTERS RECEIVED AN ENEMY ATTACK BY FIRE OF 22 MORTAR ROUNDS. ONE VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN WAS WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK.

**RVN MAJOR CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS TREND :**

JANUARY 28	49
29	31
31	23
FEBRUARY 1	15
2	16
3	11
4	16
5	16
6	16
7	11

**RVN MINOR CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS TREND :**

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JANUARY 28 185

29 358

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31 229

FEVRUARY 1 226

2 197

3 145

4 74

5 80

6 163

7 156

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NOTE : ADJUSTED TO DEPICT VIOLATIONS ON ZULU DAY OF OCCURRENCE  
 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH MEANINGFUL TREND  
 PRESENTATION. FIGURES WILL NOT CORRELATE WITH TABLES I AND II  
 WHICH SHOW INCIDENTS REPORTED DURING THE INDICATED TIME PERIOD.

## INDOCHINA SITUATION

8 FEBRUARY 1973

## ENEMY FORCES

THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR ENEMY UNIT DEPLOYMENTS DETECTED IN INDOCHINA  
 SINCE THE LAST REPORT. MAPS WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN SIGNIFICANT  
 CHANGES OCCUR.

## CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS

MILITARY TOTAL SINCE CEASE-FIRE LAST 24 HOURS

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REGION

LEVEL OF ACTION

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	SER	MAJ	MIN	SER	MAJ	\$\$	MIN
MR 1	0	100	593	0	7 (5)		38
MR 2	0	48	256	0	2 (2)		15
MR 3	0	47	446	0	2 (0)		21
MR 4	0	41	685	0	0 (0)		28
TOTALS	0	236	1,980	0	11 (7)		102

\$ INCLUDED IN TOTALS.

\$\$ NUMBER OF MAJOR VIOLATIONS WHICH OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE LAST 24 HOURS BUT WERE PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED.

THE NUMBER OF REPORTED MAJOR VIOLATIONS DECREASED FROM 21 TO 11 DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS. THERE WERE 102 MINOR VIOLATIONS COMPARED TO 165 DURING THE PRECEDING REPORTING PERIOD.

ALL OF THE MAJOR VIOLATIONS IN MR 1 CONSISTED OF ENEMY INITIATED ATTACKS BY FIRE THAT CAUSED MINOR FRIENDLY LOSSES.

IN MR 2, FRIENDLY FORCES KILLED 50 ENEMY SOLDIERS WHILE CLEARING A HAMLET NORTH OF BAN ME THUOT. A TOTAL OF 16 ENEMY WERE KILLED IN SCATTERED ACTIONS IN MR 3. IN MR 4, NO MAJOR VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED.

ENEMY INTENTIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, LAOS AND COMBODIA HAVE NOT CHANGED FROM THOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

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SECURITY AND POLITICAL SITUATION

SOUTH VIETNAM

AN RVNAF JOINT GENERAL STAFF REVIEW OF INFORMATION ON  
HAMLET STATUS SINCE 28 JANUARY HAS RESULTED IN REVISED REPORTING.  
AS OF 8 FEBRUARY 300 HAMLETS HAVE BEEN ATTACKED.

OF THESE, 268 ARE UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL WHILE 32 ARE  
CONTESTED. ROUTE 1 REMAINS CLOSED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MR 1 AND MR 2  
BORDER. IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, ROUTE 14 CONTINUES  
TO BE INTERDICTED AT THE KONIUM PASS AND FARTHER SOUTH IN  
DARLAC PROVINCE. THE ENEMY'S INTERDICTION OF ROUTE 20  
NEAR THE LAM DONG - LONGKHANH PROVINCE BORDER WAS CLEARED BY GOVERNMENT  
FORCES YESTERDAY.

IN MR 2, ENEMY ACTION ALONG THE COAST IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE AS  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) FORCES COMPLETE THEIR WITHDRAWAL. WITH THE  
PULLOUT OF REMAINING ELEMENTS OF THE TWO KOREAN DIVISIONS, REGULAR  
GOVERNMENT FORCES THERE WILL BE AT A NUMERICAL DISADVANTAGE.  
ALTHOUGH IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT ADDITIONAL ENEMY MAIN-FORCE UNITS  
WILL DEPLOY TO THE AREA,

HARASSING FIRE, TERRORISM, AND INFILTRATION OF HAMLETS ARE  
EXPECTED TO INTENSIFY UNTIL THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION  
AND ICCS TEAMS ARE ESTABLISHED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

IN NORTHERN LAOS, COMBAT ACTIVITY CONTINUES TO BE CHARACTERIZED  
BY ATTACKS-BY-FIRE AND MINOR GROUND CLASHES.

IN THE SOUTH, ENEMY FORCES OVERRAN PAKSONG ON 8 FEBRUARY.  
FRIENDLY UNITS ARE ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS

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WEST OF THE TOWN : HOWEVER , CONTINUED ENEMY ATTACKS ARE  
LIKELY TO DRIVE THEM FARTHER WEST AND OFF THE BOLOVENS PLATEAU.

#### CAMBODIA

ENEMY ATTACKS CONTINUE IN THE ROUTE 15-NEAK LUONG AREA  
FOR THE SECOND DAY. HOWEVER , GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES ARE  
APPARENTLY LIGHT. ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS DECREASE SOUTH OF  
THE CAPITAL AND ROUTE 2 HAS BEEN REOPENED BETWEEN PHNOM  
PENH AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE BORDER .

#### LOGISTICS DEVELOPMENTS

##### SOUTH VIETNAM

INITIAL FIELD READ-OUT OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF 6 FEBRUARY  
INDICATES COMMUNIST FORCES NOW OCCUPYING THE COASTAL LOWLANDS SOUTH  
OF DUC PHO IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE  
ARE BEING PARTIALLY SUPPLIED BY WATERBORNE OPERATIONS.  
SUPPLIES WERE NOTED BEING CARRIED ASHORE AND LARGE STACKS  
OF SUPPLIES WERE REPORTED ON THE BEACH. IN ADDITION, A POSSIBLE  
INFILTRATION TRAWLER AND A NUMBER OF SMALLER BOATS WERE APPARENTLY  
PROCEEDING TOWARD ENEMY-HELD SA HUYNH. THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENEMY SEABORNE SUPPLY-LOGISTICAL BASE  
IN THIS AREA WOULD FACILITATE THE RESUPPLY OF COMMUNIST UNITS  
OPERATING IN SOUTHERN QUANG NGAI AND NORTHERN BINH DINH PROVINCES.

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